

SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

1) Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1 line 8 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention ~~derives priority from~~ a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application Nos. 08/977,845, now U.S. Patent No. 6,210,402, and 09/248,763, now U.S. Patent No. 6,149,620, filed November 25, 1997, and February 12, 1999, respectively ~~(attorney docket nos. D-2, and CB-7), respectively~~ [(I.), U.S. Patent Application No. 08/977,845 is a continuation-in-part which are continuation-in-parts of U.S. Application No. 08/562,332, filed November 22, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 6,024,733], the complete disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.

2) Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1 line 13 with the following amended paragraph:

The present invention is also related to commonly assigned ~~co-pending~~ U.S. Patent Application No. 08/990,374, filed December 15, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,109,268 (Attorney Docket No. E-3), which is a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/485,219, filed on June 7, 1995, now U.S. Patent No. 5,697,281 ~~(Attorney Docket 16238 000600)~~, Patent Application Nos. 09/109,219, now abandoned, 09/058,571, now U.S. Patent No. 6,142,992, 08/874,173, now U.S. Patent No. 6,179,824, and 09/002,315, now U.S. Patent No. 6,183,469, filed on June 30, 1998, April 10, 1998, June 13, 1997, and January 2, 1998, respectively ~~(Attorney Docket Nos. CB 1, CB 2, 16238 005600 and C-9, respectively)~~ and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/054,323, filed on April 2, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,063,079 (Attorney Docket No. E-5), U.S. Patent Application No. 09/010,382, filed January 21, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,190,381 (Attorney Docket A-6), and U.S. Patent Application No. 09/032,375, filed February 27, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,355,032 (Attorney Docket No. CB

3), U.S. Application No. 08/942,580, filed on October 2, 1997, now U.S. Patent No. 6,159,194 (~~Attorney Docket No. 16238 001300~~), U.S. Application No. 08/753,227, filed on November 22, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,873,855 (~~Docket 16238 002200~~), U.S. Application No. 08/687,792, filed on July 18, 1996, now U.S. Patent No. 5,843,019 (~~Docket No. 16238 001600~~), and PCT International Application, U.S. National Phase Serial No. PCT/US94/05168, filed on May 10, 1994, now U.S. Patent No. 5,697,909 (~~Attorney Docket 16238 000440~~), which was a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/059,681, filed on May 10, 1993, now abandoned (~~Attorney Docket 16238 000420~~), which was a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 07/958,977, filed on October 9, 1992, now U.S. Patent No. 5,366,443, (~~Attorney Docket 16238 000410~~) which was a continuation in part of U.S. Patent Application No. 07/817,575, filed on January 7, 1992, now abandoned (~~Attorney Docket 16238 00040~~), the complete disclosures of which are incorporated herein by reference for all purposes. The present invention is also related to commonly assigned U.S. Patent Application No. 08/561,958, now U.S. Patent No. 5,697,882, which was filed November 22, 1995 (~~Attorney Docket 16238 000700~~), the complete disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference for all purposes.